Vacancies in Railways

3368. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies remain unfilled in the Railways, as on 1 December, 2009; and

(b) out of these vacancies, how many are in the safety related posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The number of vacancies on the Zonal Railways as on 31.03.09 is 169813 of these, 89024 vacancies relate to safety category posts.

Pending railway projects of Pune division

3369. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and estimated cost and present state of the pending railway projects in respect of Pune division; and

(b) by when each project is scheduled to be completed and in case of delay, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to expedite the completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Division-wise information of the projects is not maintained. However, following railway projects in Pune area are in progress:

Sl.No.	Project	Anticipated cost (Rs.in Crore)	Status
1	Baramati-Lonand (54 kms) New Line	138.48	On Lonand-Phalton (27 km), all major bridges completed and earthwork, minor bridges etc. taken up.
2	Daund-Gulbarga (225 kms) Doubling with Pune-Guntakal electrification (641 km)	1438	Final Location Survey completed. Estimate and plan preparation taken up.
3	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli-Vaijnath (261 kms) New Line	462.67	Earthwork, bridges have been taken up in Ahmednagar-Naray andoh (15 km) section. Land acquisition has also been taken up in balance portion.

Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects under New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification and Metropolitan Transport Projects. The targets for projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on the availability of resources and progress achieved and many projects get completed in phases, Daund-Gulbarga has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited for speedy execution.